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Applicant: Kamm *et al.* Examiner: Yu, J. R.
Serial No.: 09/815,528 Art Unit: 3764
Filed: March 23, 2001
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STIMULATING ANGIOGENESIS AND
WOUND HEALING BY USE OF EXTERNAL COMPRESSION

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks. The deadline for responding to the Office Action was January 9, 2003. A one-month extension of time from January 9, 2003, up to and including February 9, 2003, is hereby respectfully requested, and a check for such an extension is enclosed. Applicant thus submits that the present Response is timely submitted on February 7, 2003.

Amendment

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows. A marked-up version of each of the paragraphs below is included as Appendix A.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 20:

--One of the best ways of alleviating the problems of low blood flow and decreased perfusion is through angiogenesis in order to create new blood vessels to feed the affected area of the body. Angiogenesis has been found to be important in many pathological conditions such as cancer and retinal neovascularization as well as in normal physiological states such as wound